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Dear Sir:

In support of the attached Request for Continued Examination under 37 § C.F.R. 1.114, Applicant requests entry and consideration of this submission. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO/0512.C1/JKS for any fees, including extension of time fees, excess claim fees and/or RCE filing fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The claims submitted for continued examination are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.